different Courts/Tribunals, moving petitions before Courts and other appellate authorities for early hearing and constitution of the Tax Arrear Recovery cell with the objective of overseeing, coordinating and monitoring recovery of arrears.

Lack of Security in Printing Press at Mysore

651. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been irregularities and lack of security in printing press at Mysore; and

(b) if so, what corrective action has been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir. However one instance has been discovered in recent times in which a packet containing 10,000 pieces of Rs. 500/- denomination banknotes amounting to Rs. 50 lakhs was found missing in the consignment dispatched from the Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt. Ltd. (BRBNMPL) Press at Mysore to RBI, Thiruvananthapuram in July, 2004. This was detected by RBI, Thiruvananthapuram. The cases was handed over to CBI for investigation. The CBI has apprehended a CISF constable and an amount of Rs. 29.60 fakhs has been recovered from his possession.

(b) BRBNMPL has taken further necessary steps to plug all loopholes observed/reported by various internal/external authorities in the procedures and has revamped the security set up in the Mysore Press.

Raids on Share Brokers

†652. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of share-brokers raided by the Income Tax department during the months of September, October and November;

(b) the extent of illegal assets unearthed during the raids; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.